

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

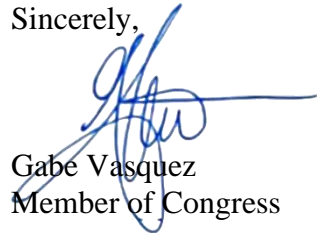
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the South Valley Economic Development Center Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Bernalillo located at 415 Silver Ave SW, Albuquerque NM 87102. The funding would be used for the construction of an agricultural economic development center to help increase job growth in this sector. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help small businesses in New Mexico's agricultural industry grow their business which in turn helps New Mexican farms and ranches access new markets.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 USC 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gabe Vasquez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gabe Vasquez
Member of Congress